

House, to visit the House of Refuge and Maryland Penitentiary, and to examine into their condition, and also to examine into the condition of the prisoners in the Penitentiary, and recommend to the Governor meritorious cases for Executive clemency.

We have appointed on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Blake and Jump.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,

Secretary.

Mr. Steiner presented the petition of Catharine Head, widow of a soldier of the war of 1812, asking to be placed upon the pension rolls.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Henry presented the petition of Thomas T. King, Thomas J. Baird and Isaac D. Jones, committee on behalf of the Maryland State Bible Society, praying a continuance of its charter and change of its name to that of "Maryland Bible Society."

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion by Mr. Tuck,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings to report a bill, entitled an Act ceding to the United States of America jurisdiction over the lands contained within the enclosures of the National Cemetery, near Annapolis.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates appeared and delivered the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

January 26th, 1872.

*Gentlemen of the Senate:*

We have received your message, proposing the appointment of a Joint Committee, of three from the Senate, and five from the House, to visit the Maryland Hospital, &c., and to report upon all matters which may be of interest to the State.

An order having been passed instructing the Committee on Public Buildings to investigate the whole matter, we decline to concur therein.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,

Chief Clerk.